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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
MASAMI TAKIMOTO ET AL : GROUP ART UNIT  
SERIAL NO: 10/018,012 :  
FILED: DECEMBER 14, 2001 : EXAMINER:  
FOR: COLOR PIGMENT MASTER :  
BATCH AND BLOW MOLDING  
METHOD USING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended) A blow-molded article having a grain-tone appearance prepared by  
blow-molding a molding material comprising as a pigment, 1 to 10 % by weight based on the  
molding material, of a base color pigment master batch comprising a base color pigment and  
a carrier resin having a melting temperature which is not higher than a melting temperature of  
a molding base resin and 0.1 to 5 % by weight based on the molding material, of the color  
pigment master batch as described in claim 1 as a pigment.

Please add new Claims 7 and 8 as follows:

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